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"Numbers do not win a war." – Oreius, centaur, in Walt Disney Pictures The Chronicles of Narnia – The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe.

It's 2006, and it's time for you to think about voting – NO, not for Washington, right here in Furry Fandom! It's time to nominate and vote on the Ursa Major Awards for 2005. Read on to find out more...

As largely expected, the year-end box office in 2005 wound you in a pitched battle between a savage ape and a heavily lion as King/Kong (from Universal) battled with The Chronicles of Namia – The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrode not Disney) for supremacy at the movies. Both did quite well out of the stafting gate, though Kong had a much bigger liot climb: With a production budget alone estimated at \$200 in million, not even counting the cost of publicity, the ape picture started with a long way to go before it could be profitable. As of this writing, Namia has inched slightly alwad of the ape in total sales. But, divine lions only know what'll happen when they're both released on DVD. Stay tuned, furs!

This Just In: All of Hollywood is buzzing like bees with the mews that the Walt Dieney Company has decided to buy Picar films outlight (from its former parent. Apple) for a whopping 7 billion dollars – that's "billion" with a "bi-people. Okay, now try to follow this. Apple and Picar head-honcho Steve Jobs more gets as upon the Dieney board of directors. Ed Catmatl once gets a part of the Catmatl of Cetal West Picar Steve Jobs. Jobs 1 best Picar Steve Jobs. Jobs 1 best Picar Steve J

Disney division set up to make sequels to Pixar films like Finding Nemo) will all be operating and producing films at once. By the time you've read this paragraph, several items in it will have changed! Once again, stay tuned for more details as we get them!

Well, February 4th was a night of clay in Glendale. Wallace and Gromin in "Curse of the Were -Rabbir Trude the nichae the 33th annual Annie Awards, presented by the International Anniaeth Film Society. The crazy inventor and his identicanine pal took home ten Annies, winning every category they were nominated in - including (among others) etc. and they were nominated in - including (among others) etc. Anniaeted reality, writing, directing, and of course Sallis, with a were sally were -Come Wars for the evening were Sall wars - Clone Wars for these Anniaeted Testure of 2005. Other big winners of the evening were Sall wars - Clone Wars for these Anniaeted TV Series, and Lilo & Stitch 2: Stitch Has A Glitch for Dest Home Entertainment funde for video I Production.

Probably the first big animation news of the new year is hodowine/der form The Weinstein Company. After averylimited run in late 2005 (to qualify for the Oscars, though it was to late for the Arness, the film opened properly on January 10<sup>21</sup> and was af at the box office for its premiere weekend. Now word is out that the Weinsteins have already given the green again Cony Edwards, Todd Edwards, and Tony Leech are set to direct.

Just a reminder: The film version of Curious George (in 2D, no less!) finally makes it to the big screen on February 10, courtesy of Universal Pictures. Starring the voices of Will Ferrell (as The Man in the Yellow Hat), Joan Plowright, David Cross, Eugene Levy, and Drew Barrymore. Visit <a href="https://www.curiousgeorgemovie.com">www.curiousgeorgemovie.com</a> to find out more.

Volumes One and Two of Thundercats Season One are available now in DVD box sets from Warner Home Video. Collecting the first original episodes of this popular animated science fiction/adventure series from the 1980's, Volume Two also features a behind-the-scenes short subject.

On February Thisney will release Bambi II on DVD. Featuring the voices of Patrick Stewart, Alex Gould, and Brandon Bairg, the new story follows Bambi the fawn, now being raised to adulthood by his father; the Great Prince of the Forest, after Bambi's mother has been quanted down.

Also coming in February is *The Pink Panther Classic Cartoon Collection DVD* box set from MGM Home Entertainment. It features no less than 124 cartoons produced by Friz Frelang and **David H. DePatie** between 1964 and 1980, including the original animated opening titles of the *Pink Panther* live action movies.

This March, Walt Disney Home Entertainment will release will separe the Heart on DVD. Written by celebrated director Hayao Miyazaki and produced by his Studio Ghibli, this 2D animated film follows the story of a young schooligh riamed Shizuku and a mysterious boy named Seiji, both of them determined to live out their dreams. It also features the first appearance of the Baron, the magical living cat-figurine featured prominently in The Cat Refurns.

New this winter on PBS Kids: It's a Big Big World, created by Bear in the Big Blue House mastermind Mitchell Kriegman. Using a combination of pupperly, animatronics, and CGI, a group of rainforest animals (including a giant sloth, two marmosets, a tree frog, an anteater, and more) teach young children about science and geography.

First word: This summer, watch Cartoon Network for the premier of Squirie Boy, a new animated comedy series created by Everett Peck. The show follows the misadventures of a 10-year-old human boy and his best friends, a pair of toon squirrels: One his scheming pet, the other a wild free spirit living in a local park. Featuring the voices of Tom Kenny (Spongebob Squarepants) and Richard Horvitz (Invader Zim.)

New on the shelves from Alias Comics is Atomik Mike by Stephan Nilson and Israel Cruz (in full color). The greatest space transporter and smugglier alive has a problem: He's been transformed into a monkey by a rival captain! What's this mean for his business? Find out here?

A new title appearing soon from Archaia Studios Press is generating a lot of buzz among comic book fans. Mouse Guard by David Petersen is a full-color 6-issue bimonthly miniseries, following the adventures of brave sword-wisdling mice who protect mouse fraveliers as they journey from one hiden village is monther. When they're assigned to discover to destination, the mouse guard find much more than they bergained for.

Cinebook offers a new translation of a European comic in graphic novel form. Yakari and Great Eagle chronicles the adventures of a young Sioux boy gitted with the power of speaking to all animals. Astride his faithful mustang, Little Thunder, Yakari rides across the plains meeting and helping out a wide variety of animals.

New from our friends at Shanda Fantasy Arts is The Beginners Guide to Drawing Furn Art by Steve Corbett (a well-known furny artist and comic book illustrator). This black white one-shot is a step-by thotal for frose who we want to learn the art of drawing anthropomorphic characters, but the step of the st

From Silent Devil Productions, home of Bubba the Redneck Werewolf, comes the Bubba Super Sci-Fi Special in full color. Created by Mitch Hyman and original Bubba artist Shawn Surface, this special follows the exploits of a pair of hapless (and well-known!) FBI agents who investigate the "paranormal" goings-on in Bubba's neck of the woods. Also featured is a back-up story with Bubba's favorite superheroes: Ape Man and Monkey Boy!

Coffee and Doughnuts is the name of the new black & white graphic novel by Max Estes. Jules and Dwight are down-on-their-luck alley cats who make the mistake of going up against local mobsters when it looks like they've got nothing to lose. This latest adventure of The Junkyard Cats is published by Too Shelf Productions.

In-case-we've-missed-i-so-fair. Transformers Beast Wars is available now from IDW Publishing. Based on the popular CGI TV series, this new full-color comic follows the adventures of transforming warrior robots — Maximals and Predacons — who take on animal shapes to survive on a harsh planet. Brought to you now by Simon Furman and Don Fiqueroa.

Lions, Tigers, and Bears from Alias Comics returns this March with Volume 2: "Beryan!" Once again written by Mike Bullock with 14 by Jack Lawrence, this new 4-part full-color miniseries finds the human children Joey and Courtney, and their more-than-they-seem stuffed animal friends, battling a new assault by the evil beasties in a wintry land.

Coming soon from ATT/Planet Lar Comics is a new black & white one-shot, Sty Pope: King of Girs. This time the millionaire gorilla with a jet-pack must stop an evil genius intent on teaching nerds to be cool—and thus threatening the livelihood of comic book creators everywhere! Brought to you by Amara, McCarnev, Russo, and Jenkins.

In Kevin McShane's world, superhero comic books aren't comic books - they're movies, filmed with actors. Into this setting walks *Toopydoups*, an elf-like fellow with ambitions to star in his own comic book 'production'. Keeping him out of trouble are his dog-like friend Teetreater and a rather grumpy monkey. This new black & white series is published by Lobrau Productions.

Interesting special guests will be joining the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turlest bit March. In 7ales of the 7MINT 821, the heroes-on-the-half-shell meet up with none other than the Wild West COW-Boys of Moo Meas, from the 1950's Saturday morning TV series. Both groups are out to retrieve a powerful magic crystal from the siz-gun toling villain who stole it. Brought to you by Ryan Brown, Murphy, and Darlo Brizuela, and published off course by Mirrage Press.

Also this March look for the premier of Big Max, a new fullolor comic series by Dan Slott (She-Hulk) and James Fry (published by Mr. Comics). In a world filled with superheroes, the biggest and strongest of them all is Big Max – an ape in a cape, the primate who lowers the crime rate! With his sidekick Monkey Boy, Big Max is off to save the world from the silentbut-deadit thread. Jm. M. Mimel.

The first few issues of Banana Sunday by Root Nibot and Colleen Coover have been collected into a new trade paperback, coming this March (in black & white) from Oni Press. Kirdy Steinberg is a girl with some problems: Namely, she's just started at a brand new school, and she's the caretaker of three mischlevous talking monkeys!

This April look for the first issue of Thunder Monkey, a new black & white comic series by Lee Oaks. A burnt-out boxer named "Knuckles" is being tracked by the Mexican mafia – but then a mysterious furry known as Thunder Monkey steps into the picture. Whose side is he on? Find out from Dream Bug Productions.

Another brand new comic title coming this April is Kee-Fu-Fighters from Roxbox Entertainment. Phillip Temple, Todd A. Wahnish, and Danimation present the story of Princess Kairo and the Kee-Fu Fighters, brave young warriors united to save their world and its magical power source from the evil plans of The Baron and his army. Toon-style adventure in this full-color family-friendly comic.

It's the battle for primate supremacy! The monkey and lemur return in Monkey vs. Lemur. Crisis with Infinite Critiers. And on top of their own battles, the primates have to deal with platypi ninjas, lemur lycanthropy. Egyptian curses, and more! Coming to you in April (again in full color), this time from Silent Devil Productions.

Coming this April from Tokyo Pop is a new digest-sized manga called +Anima" ('Plus Anima') byNatsumi Mukai. The +Anima are beings who posses animal-like powers. Shunned by human society, four +Anima (crow, fish, bear, and bat) seek more of their own kind and a place to live in peace.

New in TV tie-ins: Dog Star Patrol and Test Pilot Puppy are the titles of two new Krypto the Superdog trade paperbacks available now at a bookstore near you. The comic book stories are inter-woven with activities and coloring pictures.

On the shelves now is Volume 2 of The Complete Omaha the Cat Dancer by Reed Waller and the late Kate Worley, featuring more classic issues of this famous erolic furry black & white comic in a trade paperback format. It's available on the Amerotica imprint from NBM Books.

The author of The Tale of Obspervaux and Because of Winn-Dizir enturns the February with a new book. Kate DiCamillo's newest work is The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane (narback, from Candlewick Press). Edward is a china rabbit, the belowed toy of a little girl named Ablene. Then one day, through extraordinary circumstances, Edward is and the property of the Candle of the Ibaculine.

Coming this April is The Life and Times of Scrooge McDuck, a new full-color trade paperback by Don Rosa. This from the publisher, Gemstone: 'Don Rosa, one of the modern age's Disney comics superstars created this twelve-part story to delineate exactly how Scrooge McDuck acquired his fortune and became the World's Richest Duck. The story was originally serialized in the US in Uncle Scrooge comics. Now it has been collected in one all-encompassing popularly priced volume. A new full-color manga from Korea is making news: The Great Catsby by Doha Kong is the romantic story of a cat named Catsby, who loses his girffiend to another male. His pal Houndu treats him to wine, women, and song, but there's no forgetting his bot Persu. Find out more in this new trade paperback, coming in April from Netcomics.

"No, but I bet they help." – Prince Peter, human, in Walt Disney Pictures The Chronicles of Namia – The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe

Furry Stuff has ConFurence Stuff! The original ConFurence General Store (for ConFurences 0 - 10) has moved to the new Furry Stuff web portal. Check them out at www.furrystuff.com to find out more - soon. pictures of what's available will be up on-line. Three of the popular ConFurence T-Shirt designs are still available for a limited time: "Furries in Force" (black on honey-color) by Eric Schwartz from CF7, "Furries in Love" (black and pink on grey) by Rachael Cawley from CF9, and "Sydney's World" (Sydney on a colored globe on green) by Ken Sample from CF10. Plus, a very few of Mitch Beiro's colorful "Furries in Space" T-shirts remain (write for sizes available). They also still offer the ConFurence Seven Highlights Video, as well as the brand new ConFurence Eight - Music and Mirth and ConFurence Nine - Furries in Love highlights videos too! And coming soon, a special combination video from CF5 and CF6! Not to mention many cool prints and extra Souvenir Books from past ConFurences! To find a complete list, visit the Furry Stuff web site, or send them an SASE at: Furry Stuff, P.O. Box 1958, Garden Grove, CA 92842-1958.

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A Request to Our Readers: Hey, got a favorite comic or book store that carries your favorite furry titles, or that you wish would carry more? Give us their address! We'll send them a copy of In-Fur-Nation each quarter, and keep them abreast of the kind of comics and media that you would like to see on their shelves! Remember, they can't order if tithey don't.

know it's out there! As an alternate: Know of any good comic zines or web sites that might be looking to trade issues?

Guess what? In-Fur-Nation is looking for Field Reporters! As an on-going feature, we're going to present profiles of furry creators and furry-oriented companies that are helping to promote products and media of interest bring and a furry-print of the companies that are helping to promote products and media of interest bring and the creator, amisstor, publisher, or other such person in the feel who'd like to discuss what furries mean to them, or to the world? Talk to them, write down whatthey say. The gradient world? Talk to them, write down whatthey say. The gradient in the right to edit for clarify and length, mind you.] And hely were looking for furry convention reviews and an ecoderostic Send hard copies to the Furry Stuff address above, or, you can will you will be supplementation to the furry Stuff address above, or, you can will you such such as the Stuff address above, or, you can will you such such so the Stuff address above, or, you can will you such such so the Stuff address above, or, you can will you such such so the Stuff address above, or, you can will your submission to Rod O'Riley att minkfirstistic to me and your submission to Rod O'Riley att minkfirstistic to the stuff and the such as the such

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(Many thanks to all the people who helped provide information for this issue both by mail and via Internet! Invaluable help was also received from the web masters of the various furry conventions out there.)

#### More Furry Conventions All Around!



#### CaliFur 2

May 5 – 7, 2006, look out for "Firates of the Califur"! Arrmnt The latest and greatest furry con in Southern California salutes those brave and deadly sailors of the seas (and skies and stars!) – especially the furry sort of sailors! This gathering of... independent business ventures from all over the world will take place in Costa Mesa this May. (That's about 30 miles south of Los Angeles, for you world travelers!)

Our Special Guests for Califur Two include furry artist Mitch de la Guardia – whose cool work we discovered at Califur One (Visit http://elfwood.lysator.liu.se/fanglu/ducuardia/3/guardia/3.html ose some (just some) of Mitch's work) and the creative team behind the Furry Pivates role-playing games, Lies Breakey and Bruce Thomas. More Specials Guests will be added as we get closer to the con, so make sure of the programming plans for Califur Two include the Cabaset Fur Is Dance (a Southern California furry tradition), must guest some details! Programming plans for Califur Two include the Cabaset Fur Is Dance (a Southern California furry tradition), must guest some startistic how-to sessions, a Fur Suit Dance, and of course – a treasure burth! All this and much, much more!

Membership in CaliFur One is available for \$40.00 until May 4, 2006, and \$45.00 thereafter at the door. Advances memberships—with increasing prestige—are available at Sponsor, Patron, and Benefactor levels for \$60.00, \$120.00, and \$1000.00 respectively. Make sure to visit the web site to find out more!

Or, If you're in the other half of the continent that weekend, check out ...

#### Morphicon 2006

Also May 5-7, 2006. Morphicon's theme for 2006 is "The Food Chain"! Morphicon is an anthropomorphics (or "furry") convention located in the central Ohio area. We have programming planned for three full days, including a masquerade, a variety show, a dance, discussion panels, food events, and room for dealers and arists.

Morphicon 2006's Special Guests include Bill Holbrook (cartoonist and creator of Kevin and Kell), Candy "Trixi" Dewalt (furry artist and creator of Vinci and Arty), and Ryan "Tet" Dewalt (furry webhost and designer of the YNA Archive).

Morphicon will be held May 5 - May 7, 2005, at the Radisson helect Goulmas-Methington, 2007, High St. Columbur 14,005. Ohio Morphicon has a secured a block of doublequeen rooms of 8500 per right. To reserve a room, clift Radisson directly at 614-436-50700, or fax them at 614-436-5318, You may also call the central office at 1-8,003-333. Whichever route you go, you must ask for the Morphicon room rate (room block Mo-005). The room rate is guaranteed only through April 19. Please plan ahead and reserve your room early.

Full Registration to Morphicon is available for only \$30.0, if After that, Full Registration deadline (March 1, 2005). After that, Full Registration is \$40.00 at the door. Sponsor memberships are available for \$45.00, and Patron memberships for \$85.00, again before March 1—they both go up at the door. Check out the web site at <a href="https://www.morphicon.org">https://www.morphicon.org</a> for more information about memberships and benefits.

#### Cape May Fur Meet

The CMFM is a newish furry gathering, this year being held May 20th & 21st at Middle Township, Cape May County, New Jersey. The thing that makes CMFM unique in the furry con/ meet/fest scheme of things is that it uses a chartered train as part of the meet itself. 2006 will see CMFM celebrating its 7th year. This fact, along with the Cape May Seashore Lines, the hosting railroad, 10th anniversary has lent to the theme of "7-10 Split: Spare some time for CMFM" with guest of honor John "the Gneech" Robey (creator of Suburban Jungle). Memberships are \$30.00 for both days, \$20.00 for one day, and \$50.00 for sponsor. Sponsors get a free Purrsia Press comic and dinner with John Robey on Saturday. The schedule is complex, and several accommodations are used along the So be sure to visit their web site at www.capemayfurmeet.com to find out all the latest about the wheres and the whens. No web access? Then write to them at Cape May Fur Meet / Lionking CMSL, c/o Don Miller, Jr., 208 Malaga Park Drive, Malaga, NJ 08328.

#### Rocket City Fur Meet

RCFM 2006 – The Fourth Dimension! May 26 – 28, 2005, in hurtaville, Albama. The Quest of Homor for this returning furry gather include Aura Moser (furry artis), Sub Level 03 (musical guests), Santa Fox (fur-waiting panelis), and KT (special cardoonist guest). All that plus the return of 2, the Ranting Gryphon as MC, and this year's award ceremony for the Ursa Major Awards, celebrating the best in furry media! It all takes place at the Radisson Suites Hotel (6000 South Memorial Parkway, Hurtsville, AL). Room Rates are 59,00 per night for up to six in a room. Attending Memberships are \$3,000 pm all —\$40.00 at the door), with Supporting Memberships are \$5,000 pm; and per sold the control Supporting Memberships are \$5,000 pm; and \$100 pm; an

#### Don't Forget – It's time to send in Nominations for the Ursa Major Awards for 2005!

More formally known as the Annual Anthropomorphic Literature and Arts Award, the Ursa Major Award is presented annually for excellence in the furry arts. It is intended as Anthropomorphic (a.k.a. Furry) Fandom's equivalent of the Hugo Award & (presented by the World Science Fiction Society), mystery fandom's Anthrony Award, horror fandom's Bram Sloker Award and so forth.

Aryone may nominate. Nominations for 2005 works are open now. To find out what other fanse think might be worth nominating, take a look at the 2005 Recommended Arthropomorphics List (available for viewing at www.ursamatorawards.com). Voting for the 2005 Usa Major Award will take place during the first half of 2005 Usa Major Award will take place during the first half of 2005 Research contact us if you wish to receive a ballot (see below). The Huntshife Albaham this five worth of the control of the control Huntshife Albaham this May.

To be eligible, a work must have been released between January1 and December 31 of 2005, and must include a nonhuman being given human attributes (anthropomorphic), which can be mental and/or physical (for example the intelligent rabbits in Watership Down for the former, and Buus Bunny for the latter.) Simply including an animal character is not sufficient to quality. Nominations are not limited to sufficient to quality. Nominations are not limited to simply. Nominations are not limited to simply simply and simply some people's recommendations. Any vorient and simply some people's recommendations. Any vorient published during the year under consideration are eligible. The Ursa Major Award categories include Arthropomorphic: Motion Picture, Cramatic Short Work or Series, Novel, Short Fiction, Other Literary Work (such Series, Novel, Short Fiction, Other Literary Work (such Sock, Comic Short, Solvel, Short Fiction, Other Illerary Work (such Source), Comici Book, Comic Short (picaper or on-line), Farzine, Public, Parzine, Public, Publ



To find out more about the Ursa Major Award Nominations for 2005, visit the web site, or send an SASE to: Ursa Major Award, c/o Rod O'Riley, P.O. Box 1958, Garden Grove, CA 92842-1958 U.S.A.

That's all for this time, lords. Our next issue will come bouncing to you in late April of 2006, when the Spring has sprung again. So look for us then! Keep up with the World Wide Furry Movement here in the pages of In-Fur-Nation!



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